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TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

SENSATIONAL ARRESTS IN AMERICA.

A Plot to Blow up President Wilson.

London, March 6.
Reuter's correspondent at New York states that the police at Hoboken have arrested Fritz Kolb, who confessed that he was implicated in a plot to blow up President Wilson, and was concerned in explosions in New York harbour.

Two complete bombs were found in his room at a hotel opposite the piers where German steamers are laid up. The bombs were to have been sent to President Wilson to-day.

Kolb's confession led to the arrest of two accomplices. The police believe they are on the track of an extensive plot for the destruction of the Tampico oil-works and of munition plants in the United States.

THE GERMAN RETREAT.

British Engaged in Fierce and Ceaseless Battle.

London, March 6.
According to a message from Paris, the correspondent of the *Liberte* says the British have been fighting a ceaseless and fierce battle from Gommecourt to Iris during the past forty-eight hours on an eight kilometres' front.

Saturday was particularly marked by a whole series of most violent artillery and infantry actions. The British Tommies advanced, despite a resistance which is daily more powerful. The German retirement has been unceasingly harassed. The abnormal bulge in the German line between Arras and Bapaume is becoming increasingly difficult to defend, and the fall of the salient may be expected very soon.

The British artillery has begun an intense artillery fire on the positions below Bapaume.

The correspondent says the brilliant action at Bouchavesnes, mentioned in yesterday's British communiqué, was a surprise movement, and the success constitutes an important step in the direction of menacing Peronne.

Anglo-French Aerial Work.

London, March 6.
A French communiqué states:—Our fire and counter-attacks smashed up German attempts to drive us from portions of trenches which we recaptured yesterday to the north of Cauchies wood.

British naval aeroplanes dropped forty bombs on the railway stations at Bresbach and St. Avold, respectively south-east and south-west of Saarbruck. Most of the bombs struck their objectives.

French airmen bombed the railway station and military establishments at Fribourg, in Brisgau; a mill at Kehl, near Strassburg; and also dropped three tons of bombs on an aerodrome at Varenne, in Oise, seriously damaging sheds.

RUMANIA'S ENTRY.

A Sensational Statement in the British Parliament.

London, March 6.
Mr. Bonar Law's reply to the debate on the Army Estimates was followed by a sensational statement by Mr. Dillon, who denounced the late Government's policy towards Rumania. He declared that he was in possession of good evidence to the effect that General Brusiloff and other Russian Generals operating in Bukhovina were opposed to Rumania's entry, and prophesied for it a disastrous ending.

Mr. Dillon read an alleged letter from Sir Arthur Hardinge, British Ambassador in Bucharest, to Sir George Buchanan, British Ambassador in Petrograd, describing the Rumanian Premier, M. Bratianu, as an elusive fellow who was trying to wriggle out of his pledges. Mr. Dillon admitted that he got the letter from a German paper and that he did not know whether it was genuine.

AUSTRALIAN POLITICS.

Why the Government Resigned.

London, March 6.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Melbourne, two members of the Senate, supporters of the Government, declined to vote for a prolongation of Parliament until the charges of corruption in connection with the Senate vacancies were cleared up. The Government, thus finding itself in a minority, decided to dissolve the House of Representatives, enabling elections to be held simultaneously with the elections for eighteen Senate vacancies, due to the effluxion of time.

During the debate in the Senate, it was suggested that Mr. Andrew Fisher, High Commissioner in London, and Sir George Reid should temporarily represent Australia at the Imperial War Conference. Anyhow, it is certain that the visit of Mr. Hughes and other Australian delegates to England is indefinitely postponed.

THE PRINCE OF WALES.

Tributes in the House of Commons.

London, March 6.
In the House of Commons, Mr. Bonar Law announced that the Prince of Wales had resigned the Chairmanship of the Pensions Committee, which the Pensions Minister now controlled. He paid a tribute to the Prince of Wales' zeal for the welfare of the soldiers and sailors, and said that the Prince was giving great promise of the part he would play in public affairs with increasing years. (Cheers.)

Mr. A. Smith associated himself with the tribute.

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GERMANY AND CHINA.

A Political Crisis in Peking.

London, March 6.
A crisis has arisen in Peking in consequence of the refusal of the President to accept the Cabinet's decision to sever relations with Germany, on the ground that he had not been consulted.

The Cabinet has resigned and several Ministers have departed for Tientsin.

Efforts are being made to effect a reconciliation.

It is understood that a large majority in Parliament favours a severance of relations with Germany.

Arranging Financial Assistance.

London, March 6.
In connection with the Peking situation, Reuter learns that the Allies are closely co-operating in advising China in the conversations which are proceeding in connection with financial assistance in the event of breaking off relations with Germany.

This will probably take the form of a postponement of the Boxer Indemnity and a revision of the Customs Tariff, leading the people of China to favour a severance of relations. But there are technical difficulties on the point, which the President desires to overcome before agreeing.

THE NEW SUBMARINISM.

Austria's Clumsy Reply to America.

London, March 6.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam, the Austrian Reply to the United States' request for a statement of her submarine policy, amounts to 3,500 words. The substance of the Reply is that she associates herself with Germany's new submarine. She declares that the British blockade is illegal and aims at establishing British sea tyranny, while the Central Powers' blockade, which has been imposed with "pained hearts," will incline the Allies to make an honourable peace, and therefore will really secure the freedom of the seas.

[In the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion on this page they will be found on an Extra.]

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

HOME RULE TO BE DEMANDED IMMEDIATELY.

London, March 5.
Interest this week in the doings of Parliament centres in a motion by Mr. T. P. O'Connor, to be introduced on Wednesday, demanding immediate Home Rule for Ireland.

Sir George Reid has tabled an amendment deprecating such legislation during the war.

Mr. Lloyd George is expected to participate in the debate, though he is at present in bed with a cold.

MORE NATIONAL SERVICE VOLUNTEERS WANTED.

London, March 6.
Mr. Neville Chamberlain, speaking in London, said that we now have 100,000 National Service Volunteers, but we wanted half a million.

THE NEW BRITISH LINE.

London, March 6.
The communiques reveal that the British line now extends as far south as Roche, near Noyon, which is the nearest point to the German line to Paris. The British line from Ypres to Roche is 130 miles.

Special correspondents describe the appalling state of the evacuated German ground. Every possible gun and stores have been removed, and the whole battle-field is marked with bodies which have remained unburied for months. Many of the enemy were drowned in mud, through which they were unable to wade.

MORE GERMAN LIES EXPOSED.

Amsterdam, March 5.
In the Reichstag the War Minister alleged that prisoners in the hands of the Allies were exposed to fire. He announced the institution of similar reprisals and other restrictions on the prisoners.

The Press Bureau exposes many of the Minister's misstatements and demonstrates that the allegation is made to disguise the fact that prisoners in German hands were employed in the danger zone long before the French employed German prisoners on their front.

COL. NORTON GRIFFITHS DECORATED.

Jassy, March 6.
The King of Rumania has conferred the Commander-in-Chief of the Star of Rumania on Colonel Norton Griffiths, who directed the destruction of the Rumanian oilwells.

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[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

GERMANY AND AMERICA.

American Feeling at "Boiling Point."

London, March 6.
The fact that the Neutrality Bill has been talked out of the Senate by filibusters does not affect President Wilson's position, since it merely means that a handful of obstructionists talked against the clock until noon, when Congress automatically expired. President Wilson then took the oath for the new term and gave his inaugural address to the new Senate. To-day a most important pronouncement is expected, but meanwhile "German insolence" such as was shown by the Mexican intrigue is stirring up American feeling to boiling point. Attention is called to the fact that Germany calmly bartered for American States, of which Texas alone is larger than the whole of Germany.

President Wilson's Speech.

Washington, March 6.
President Wilson, in an eloquent inaugural speech from the steps of the Capitol, dealt at length with the present situation and said: We have been deeply wronged upon the seas and some of the injuries done to us have become intolerable. We wished for fair dealing, justice and freedom to live at ease against organised wrong. With this thought we have grown more and more certain that the part we wished to have played was the part of those who mean to vindicate and fortify peace. We have been obliged to arm ourselves to make good our claim to a certain minimum of right and freedom of action. We stand firm in armed neutrality. We may even be drawn on by circumstances to an immediate association in the great struggle itself.

THE ARMY ESTIMATES.

Mr. Churchill Criticises Military Policy.

London, March 5.
In the House of Commons in the debate on the Army Estimates Mr. Churchill declared that in order to achieve a decisive result at Salonica larger armies were required while our tonnage from various causes would steadily diminish. He admitted that our honourable obligations to M. Venizelos could not be brushed aside. Referring to this he said the possibility of supplementing our manpower from India and elsewhere recalled the situation of last year, when he had urged the Government to form ten or twelve Indian divisions for use in 1917. If that suggestion had been adopted we could now have relieved for service in France eight thousand British troops from Egypt, Salonica and possibly Mesopotamia.

Mr. Churchill declared that the tardy action taken by the India Office, after immense pressure, in adopting compulsion for Europeans in India and enabling India to bear a share of the cost of the war, was still inadequate, and greater effort was necessary. It was possible that what was applied to India also applied to Africa where measures were now being taken which could easily have been taken last year with immense benefit to ourselves.

Mr. Bonar Law, replying on behalf of the Government said that it was quite impossible for the Government to indicate their intentions regarding the forces in Salonica by saying whether these forces were intended to be offensive or defensive. Referring to the difference of opinion regarding the advisability of the expedition, he pointed out that the war policy, as a whole, could not possibly be a policy of the British Government solely. It would be extremely disadvantageous to withdraw the expedition now. He deprecated the proposal of a secret session to discuss the subject. He acknowledged that difficulties had arisen with Greece and the Balkans because the Allies' policy had differed but some advance had been made in this respect by the Allies and was being carried out as the common policy. Mr. Bonar Law denied that any threats had been used to induce Rumania to enter the war, and asserted that there was no reason to condemn the Allies.

THE EXPLOIT OF H.M.S. SHARK.

London, March 5.
The Admiralty, continuing its account of the exploits of H. M. S. Shark, in the Battle of Jutland, says that the boat was all the time under the heaviest fire from enemy light cruisers and destroyers at short range. The crew of the midship gun was reduced to three, one of whom was wounded and a few minutes after a shell amputated Commander Jones' leg above the knee, but he continued to command the gun crew while the Chief Stoker placed an improvised tourniquet round the thigh. Despite the agony Commander Jones, noticing that the ensign was improperly hoisted, ordered another to be hoisted, and then seeing that the ship was doomed, ordered the crew to don lifebelts. Almost immediately the Shark was torpedoed, and sank, Commander Jones being drowned. The survivors, who were picked up by a neutral ship, have been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal.

RUSSIA'S UNANIMOUS WAR SPIRIT.

London, March 6.
Lord Milner, interviewed by Reuter, said that the results of the Allied Conference at Petrograd, had exceeded his expectations. The results were largely owing to the support of the Tsar, who was particularly gracious. His Lordship insisted that the war spirit in Russia was unanimous, and that the only controversy regarding the waging of the war dealt with the most effective form of administration.

TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph.")

THE SILVER MARKET.

London, March 5.
The silver market is featureless, but steady.

CANTEEN SWINDLING.

Mr. Justice Darling says it is widespread.

London Jan. 21.—At the Old Bailey, yesterday, Ernest Geo. Saunders, 40, canteen manager; Arthur Thos. Howe, 31, cook sergeant; Harold Wm. Pearson, 32, regimental quartermaster sergeant, were indicted for a conspiracy to defraud His Majesty's Paymaster General and the Secretary of State for War of several sums of money by false pretences in respect of food supplies to a training reserve battalion.

Pearson and Saunders pleaded "Guilty" to conspiracy and Howe "Not guilty."

Mr. Percival Clarke, for the prosecution, said Pearson was a regimental quartermaster-surgeon at the Wimbledon Camp, and through his hands passed the accounts for the rations supplied to the troops in training there.

Howe's duty was to indent the accounts for rations as they were required, and the indents would be entered on the mess sheet kept by Pearson. For some months Howe, in conjunction with Saunders and Pearson, had been guilty of a system of making false entries as to the foodstuffs actually supplied to the troops, and accounts had been made out for larger supplies than had been served out to the men. The balance of the goods had been disposed of over the canteen counter, the men dividing the proceeds between themselves.

In October Howe exposed the swindle to Captain and Adjutant Coughtrin, in command of the camp, implicating himself, and Saunders and Pearson were arrested. In the course of the case it was mentioned that a fourth person, a non-commissioned officer at the camp, was at present under arrest in connection with irregularities and would subsequently be charged.

In sentencing the men to eighteen months' hard labour each, Mr. Justice Darling said he believed this kind of swindling was very rife among those who had the opportunity of committing it. It took much checking and genitly to prevent the Government being swindled and men done out of the food to which they are entitled, if only two or three dishonest men got together and agreed upon a system.

"I have no doubt that many men do the kind of thing of which these men now stand convicted," said his Lordship.

DON'T FORGET.

TO-DAY.
Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.
Bijou Theatre—9.15 p.m.
New Hongkong Cinematograph—9.15 p.m.

TO-MORROW.
H. K. Horticultural Society Annual Show at Botanic Gardens (First Day).
Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.
Bijou Theatre—9.15 p.m.
New Hongkong Cinematograph—9.15 p.m.

Friday, March 9.
H. K. Horticultural Society Annual Show at Botanic Gardens (Second Day).

Saturday, March 10.
Hongkong Rope Co.—Shareholders' meeting at 11.30 a.m.

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GENERAL NEWS.

Late German Consul at Manila. Dr. Zittelmann, ex-German Consul at Manila, and his secretary, who were released a landing from the transport Thomas at Nagasaki, were taken on to San Francisco in that vessel.

Very Important!
Do you happen to be making uniforms for soldiers? If so, please note that the War Office won't pass them unless they measure "58 ins, by 10 ins, and be made on two No. 7 needles, taking 10 ounces of thick drab or khaki wool. That's the way to win the war!—John Bull.Military Adviser for China.
Peking, Feb. 27.—General Aoki arrived this morning. He was met at the station by a representative of the President and a small gathering of Chinese officials and some Japanese. It is understood that all details have been settled with regard to his appointment as an adviser, and the agreement only requires to be signed.Japan's Gold Specie.
There is a further increase in Japan's reserve of gold specie. According to the official returns, on February 15 it amounted to Y. 718,000,000, Y. 224,000,000 being held at home and Y. 494,000,000 abroad. As compared with the figures for January 31, the total shows an increase of Y. 5,000,000. This increase has occurred entirely in the portion held abroad.When Rogues Fall Out.
It is stated in Holland that the Crown Prince and his brother, Prince Eitel Friedrich, recently had a violent quarrel. They are said to have even come to blows. The heir to the German Throne has always acted the tyrant and bully towards his brothers; but when he tried to lay down the law to Prince Eitel the other day, the latter turned upon him and said he didn't wish to hold conversation with a common thief. Prince Eitel is the heavyweight of the German Imperial family.The Roundabout Way.
Passengers landing at Plymouth from South Africa are requested to deliver up all gold coins. If you think they are handed notes in exchange, you think wrong. That would be too simple. This is what happens: The Customs men fill up some forms; each person's gold is put into a separate bag, which is tidily tied and labelled; each passenger signs his label and a form, and the form is his receipt. He has to fill it up and apply to the Custom House, London, for a cheque. Then he sits down and waits for the cheque—meditating, perchance, on roundabouts and red tape.—John Bull.C.P.R. President and National Service.
London, Jan. 20.—According to the "Canadian Gazette," Lord Shaughnessy, president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, in a circular sent to all officials of the company calling upon them to aid in every way possible in making the coming National Service work a success, says:—"It is at least as important that an inventory should be made from time to time of the man-power of the country with a view to determining our national, industrial, agricultural, and commercial efficiency as it is that the merchant should periodically make an inventory of his goods to assist in determining his business standing. Officers are requested to have the notices issued by the National Service Board, in accordance with the statutes, posted in the company's stations, shopfronts, round-houses, yards, and other places where men are employed, and I venture to express the hope that employees of the company who come within the terms of the Act will promptly fill in the cards and forward them in the envelopes provided for the purpose, thus contributing to a work that does not fail to be of great advantage to Canada in the future."THE ALEXANDRA CAFE.
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GENERAL NEWS.

Brothers Sentenced.
At the Suffolk Assizes recently, Richard Clarkson Mayhew, of Lowestoft, and Fredk. Geo. Mayhew, brothers, both solicitors, were sentenced to five years' and four years' penal servitude respectively for misappropriation and fraud. Both had become bankrupt. Richard's deficiency was £24,000 of which £20,000 was owing to clients.

English Nurse's Death in Manila.

Miss Elizabeth Chambers, a well-known and popular nurse, died at St. Luke's hospital last evening after a short illness, says the Manila Daily Bulletin of February 28. The cause of death was bacillary dysentery. Miss Chambers was an Englishwoman and was one of the most successful nurses in Manila and had just returned from attending an important case when she was taken ill.

The Book Output.
According to the Bookseller, 5,860 new books were published last year, which represents a reduction of remarkable six on the output of 1916. There have, however, been almost as many novels as usual, over 1,600. The shallow-minded, who live for large figures and "records," are the only people who will regret this reduction. The expert knows what a mass of inferior stuff gets into print. Fiction remains a game of hit-and-miss, in which one happy speculation pays for a host of failures. Who can possibly want thirty novels a week?—Exchange

Twelve Summons for One Offence.

The North London magistrate recently commented strongly on the waste of public time and money involved in police proceedings under the Central Control Board orders. The present practice appeared to be to issue a summons for every breach of every section of the clause of the orders. In the case before him a man had purchased a quart of whisky for consumption off the premises, and in order that the penalty might be fixed the police had thought it necessary to issue no fewer than twelve summonses—four against the landlord of the public-house, four against the barmaid who had accepted the order, and four against the man who had given it.

Pauperism Still Declining.
Pauperism in England and Wales continues to decline. According to an official return published the number of persons in receipt of relief at the end of last March was 581,048, the lowest figure recorded since 1876, the year from which the returns start. This figure represents a falling off in the number of paupers since March, 1916, of 68,155, and a decline of 82,595 since 1914. In London there are fewer paupers than ever, the figure for last March, 85,035, representing a year's decline of 13,913, and the lowest since 1878. During the first quarter of 1916 pauperism continued at a much lower level than in the corresponding quarter of 1915.

Lessons From Germany.
London, January 24.—Lord Sydenham, speaking at a conference of teachers in London yesterday, said that Germany had provided the world for all time with a terrible warning, and also a great lesson with regard to the utilization of the huge system of national education for political purposes. Within two generations she had proselytized the whole of Germany. Public morality in Germany had declined most markedly, and there was a great increase in crimes of violence. There were a direct result of doctrines flagrantly violating all that Christianity had given the world. The lesson of this sad experience was that the power wielded by education was enormous for evil, but it must be equally powerful for good when properly handled.

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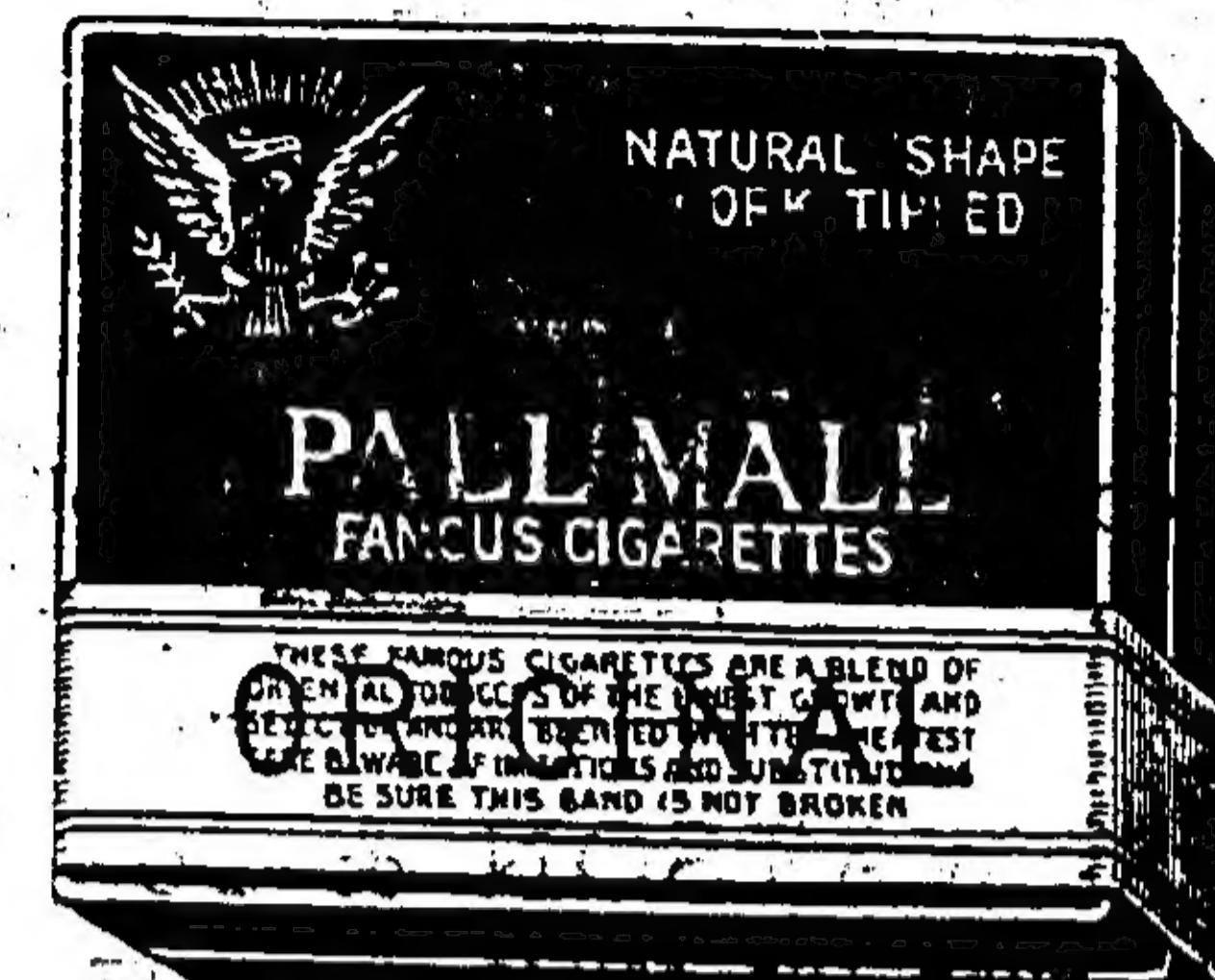
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HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 1917.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY.

In times past we have frequently had occasion to comment on the fact that Englishmen in Hongkong are not nearly so enthusiastic over the matter of celebrating the Day of their Patron Saint as their Scottish brethren are. Indeed, they never celebrate it at all. Year in and year out, April 23 comes round and nobody gives a thought to St. George of England, the reputed slayer of the dragon. Scotsmen may mark the birthday of Robert Burns and take note of St. Andrew's Day, Welshmen may remember St. David, the Chinese may keep up the celebration of the birth of Confucius, but Englishmen here have never been concerned to bother themselves with the commemoration of St. George's Day. We are glad to see, however, that some move is at length to be taken to observe the Day, the more so since the idea is to assist those charities which have a special claim on the public purse in these days of war. By the convening of the meeting fixed for Monday next, those who are interesting themselves in the movement have followed a worthy lead set by local Scotsmen, through whose energy and enthusiasm "Heather Day" was made the great success that it was. If the example here set is followed, and a scheme similar to the Scottish celebration put into operation on the 23rd of next month, a very substantial sum should be raised for aiding those who, by reason of the horrors of war, are in need of all the assistance that can be given them.

Hongkong in the past has been all too prone to ignore occasions which, in a more public-spirited community, would be marked by celebrations on a large and ambitious scale. We all know how half-heartedly Empire Day has been observed, how the anniversary of the outbreak of war has been overlooked as it has come round, and how that, in the whole of our seventy-five years' possession of Hongkong, has never occurred to the authorities to carry out the least ceremony on the anniversary of the accession of the island to the British Empire. After all, Hongkong is a Colony which is looked upon as the hub of British influence in the Far East. But, in point of patriotic demonstrations, Britisher in Canton, Shanghai and many another Treaty Port can give this Colony a comfortable lead. These people, of course, live in rather more foreign surroundings than we do here. Perhaps that is why they place a greater value on pride of race. Be that as it may, Britisher in Hongkong, as a general rule, take their nationality as so much for granted. Indeed, the sole respect in which many of us appear British is in our supreme capacity to take our pleasure easily and to refrain from making any undue show of our patriotic feelings. We do not plead for senseless flag-waving, nor for inane hollering. That would be to go to the other extreme. But we do most heartily suggest that the various festivals and the more important anniversaries, as they occur, should be fittingly marked. All that is necessary is that some one should take the lead in these matters. That done, the public of the Colony would, we are sure, be found ready to do its share.

We welcome the idea, therefore, of celebrating St. George's Day, because in it we see the germ of what we hope is a gradually increasing tendency to initiate movements which shall bring residents of the Colony more frequently together in public enjoyment, and thus help to build up a more permanent solidarity between those who, exiled from home, have all too few occasions on which to meet. But we welcome it most of all as evidence of a further desire to help war charities, the calls upon which increase rather than otherwise as the struggle proceeds. For these reasons, we hope all Britisher will make a point of attending Monday night's meeting.

An Old Complaint.

One would imagine that, by this time, the Police or Harbour authorities would have seen to it that the abominable nuisance caused by launches coaling up whilst lying alongside Blake Pier abated, for their attention has been called to it times without number. But, for some obscure reason, they have remained gloriously silent from any action in the matter, and day after day residents and visitors alike suffer the penalty. We again refer to this question because only yesterday such an objectionable instance of this pier-ends coaling was experienced as to make one disgusted with the absence of preventive action. Blake Pier was crowded with passengers about to board a departing steamer, and, whilst the launches were being awaited, a large Government launch came alongside and later left the pier. And it was this launch which was guilty of smothering the waiting crowd with smoke. The launch had hardly come alongside when dense clouds of black smoke were emitted from its funnel, and, the smoke slowly circled round at a low altitude and eventually enveloped Blake Pier and the Star Ferry pier as well. What the departing visitors to the Colony thought of such a proceeding may be left to imagination. The fact that the offending launch was a Government craft only serves to heighten the scandal.

The Kowloon "Structure." Yesterday's discussion at the meeting of the Sanitary Board, about the erecting of a coolie latrine outside the railway station, is exactly typical of Hongkong. An elected member of the Board rises to express his constituents' dissatisfaction with a certain measure, another elected member supports the first speaker—and immediately two Government officials set to work to defend that to which the general public objects. It is very satisfactory to learn that Mr. Goldring's protest has at least resulted in the delaying of the obnoxious work till a petition, signed by the residents of Kowloon, is sent in to His Excellency. As to the site chosen for the structure, it was almost a foregone conclusion that it would be a ridiculous one. It is not so very long ago that the Sanitary Department expressed a wish to erect a similar ornament just opposite the operating theatre at the French Hospital at Causeway Bay!

If the new place is to be the sanitary success that the other—outside the Fire Station—has proved, we can hardly expect Kowloon residents to wax enthusiastic in their welcoming of it. To the mind of the ordinary man it is clear that such places should be as little in evidence as possible, especially when they are going to be used by the coolie fraternity.

America's Position.

If, two or three days ago, President Wilson was the most laughed-at man in Christendom, to-day he is certainly the most pitied. Late in the day he is prepared to take measures for doing what he should have done all along—protecting the lives of American subjects against murder on the sea—and a handful of interested men must needs oppose him. Such happenings make the mere old-fashioned Britisher, who has grown up to see the will of the people prevail, wonder what the United States means when it calls itself a democratic country. At present we can see little difference between America and Germany or Turkey, as regards the will of the people being ignored. In Turkey, a small ring of men can control the actions of the general public, and in America they can apparently do the same. Whatever may have been the mind of the people at the time of the recent Presidential election, there is at least no possible doubt to-day that the bulk of them want to see very active measures taken against the Huns. Then how much longer are they to be kept waiting? How soon may we expect to see decided give place to words? In view of the way in which the will of the American people is being deliberately thwarted, one could forgive the remaining members of the Senate if they took by the neck the half-dozen contemptible obstructionists and dropped them out of the window.

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DAY BY DAY.

A GOOD MAN DOESN'T OFTEN BLOW HIS OWN TRUMPET BECAUSE HE'S TOO POOR TO OWN ONE.

The Dollar.

The opening rate of the dollar on second to-day was 2s. 4d./16d.

To-morrow's Anniversary.

To-morrow is the 118th anniversary of the battle of Atoukir.

Engineer's Loss.

Mr. H. H. Scott, an engineer at the Kowloon Docks, has reported to the Police that \$300 in money has been stolen from his trousers pocket.

Malakoff Dividend.

Messrs. Benjamin and Potts advise us that the Malakoff Rubber Co., Ltd., has declared a final dividend of 20 per cent., making 30 per cent. for the year 1916.

In Harness Again.

Many old residents who remember Inspector Diamond, late of the Hongkong Police Force, will be interested to know that at the present time he is performing special police duty in Devon.

Imported Opium.

At the Police Court this morning, a Chinese, who arrived from Macao yesterday, was charged with importing five packages of opium. The man was searched as he was coming off the Wing Lok Street Wharf, and the opium was found in small tins tied round his leg. His only statement was that he was bringing the drug here for a friend. Mr. J. R. Wood fined him \$500, or three months' hard labour.

Godown Thieves Sentenced.

The case in which four men were charged, before Mr. G. D. Melbourne, with breaking into Meesra, Dodwell's godown at Wan Chai and stealing goods to the value of \$665, was concluded at the Police Court this morning.

Mr. Eric Smith, engineer to the Company, appeared, and it transpired that there was \$15,000 worth of goods in the godown, at the time of the robbery. One man was discharged, and the rest were sentenced to six months' hard labour and four hours' stocks each.

JAPANESE BANK PROPOSALS.

Manchuria and China in View.

With regard to the Sino-Japanese and the Manchurian Banks, the establishment of which was laid before Parliament in its last session, and was under study by the Economic Investigation Commission, Mr. Shode, Minister of Finance, has made an unequivocal statement to the following effect:

"On the basis of the explanation advanced by the Okuma Ministry, the Teranchi Ministry looks upon the Manchurian Bank as intended for a financing institution to advance loans on the security of real estate, very much like the branches of the Yokohama Specie Bank in South Manchuria and the S. M. B. Co., which latter Company has often offered financing services on similar conditions. The need for some such organization is not overlooked, but the present Ministry prefers extending the functions of the existing institutions, and is against founding a new one.

"The question of establishing a Sino-Japanese Bank wants a more careful study. A Bank of this nature is to finance those who are for improving some concessions obtained in China. It has no direct interest with the Chinese people. It is to do business according to the regulations laid down by the Japanese Government, and from the present state of things in China there is room for doubt about its favourable reception by the Chinese. If, as a natural sequel to the Sino-Japanese amity, it assumes the form of an enterprise under joint international management, the question may be viewed quite in another light; but, otherwise the Government is inclined to withhold the proposition for the present. If any need of funds should arise in connection with some international loan dealings the old policy of calling on the Banking Syndicate, comprising the Yokohama Specie Bank, the Industrial Bank, the Bank of China, and the Bank of Formosa, may be followed."

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COOK-BOY SUES MASTER.

The Tale of a Broken Glass.

Before the Chief Justice, at the Summary Court this morning, a Chinese cook-boy sued his master, Mr. G. W. Keyser, No. 4 Nathan Road, Kowloon, for the sum of \$36, being balance of wages due, and \$23 for one month's wages in lieu of notice.

Mr. J. H. Gardiner appeared for the plaintiff who was, he said, engaged on October 2 last year by defendant as his cook-boy. Plaintiff's wife was also engaged to scrub floors and do the washing, the two being paid at the rate of \$23 a month. The boy and his wife continued to be employed until January 21 of this year, when they were summarily dismissed without receiving any notice, the reason given being that plaintiff had broken a glass.

Plaintiff, in the box, said that he and his wife were paid \$23 a month, and they were dismissed on January 21 this year. They did not receive any notice. The reason they were dismissed was because the defendant had broken a glass and defendant's wife said that he (plaintiff) had broken it. Defendant had paid him \$16 on account on January 21, because it was the Chinese New Year soon after and he wanted some money.

Defendant said that the facts of the case were that plaintiff had come to him and asked him for an advance because of the Chinese New Year. When he (defendant) came home on the evening of January 21, his wife told him that the boy and his wife had disappeared.

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Plaintiff:—While defendant was drinking some wine he broke the glass.

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Plaintiff:—But defendant used to drink, and I told my mistress that I did not break it.

His Lordship:—Do you mean to suggest that you were dismissed because a glass was broken?—Yes.

But your mistress could have deducted the amount of the glass from your wages.—I asked her to, but she refused to do so.

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THE EFFEMINATE AMERICAN.

Plain Speaking by a Seattle Paper.

In commenting on the assertion made by Rear Admiral Chauncey Thomas, U.S.N., retired, that America was rapidly becoming an effeminate nation, the *Seattle Post Intelligencer* says:—

Certainly this is an inefficient, improvident nation, made up, in large part, of a singularly short-sighted, fast-going, extravagant people. Nobody can deny that. Outrages against the high cost of living fill the air; the scale of living is unaltered. Beneficiaries of the war prosperity in the east are indulging in a mad, wanton, orgie of money-spending. Throughout the land luxuries are treated as necessities.

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THE MORALITY OF PRESIDENT WILSON.

"The Whole Duty of the United States."

Says a *Morning Post* leader, of January 24:—We have already considered the more salient aspects of the remarkable oration delivered by President Wilson to the Senate of the United States on Monday; and the conclusion to which we were reluctantly driven is that his proposals are in their very nature impracticable. In substance they consist of two propositions. The first is that peace should be concluded in default of the victory of either side, because the effect of defeat upon the defeated would inspire a sentiment of revenge which must sooner or later find satisfaction in another war. Let us assume that the result of victory would be as stated by Mr. Wilson, and we are entitled to ask what in fact, and not in theory, would be the effect upon both parties of an inconclusive peace, and how Mr. Wilson proposes to deal with it. The effect upon the aggressor would be to convince him that he could repeat his crime with impunity whenever it suited his convenience. The effect upon those who are fighting to destroy the military power of the aggressor would be to blast them with the guilt of having betrayed that for which the dead gave their lives. But we observe that the President does not admit that the one party is the wrong-doer and the other the wronged. In his view, both are right and both are wrong. "What is truth?" said jesting Pilate, and stayed not for the answer. But let us take Mr. Wilson on his own ground. If both sides are equally wrong and equally right, then the result of "peace without victory" will leave on both sides aspirations unfulfilled, vengeance undaked, anger unpeased; in a word, all the embers which at a breath would again burst into flame. What would the President of the United States do then? He tells us. It is his second proposition. Peace would be enforced by the League of Nations, which Mr. Wilson declares is the future hope of the world. And how, if you please, enforced? The President is quite plain on that point. By war, and nothing else. How, then, can any Pacifist, whether American or British, reconcile membership of the League with his conscience? If we may say so with all respect, Mr. Wilson appears to be arguing in a circle. There is in existence the most powerful League of Nations the world has known or is likely to know; and it is now doing exactly what Mr. Wilson's League is designed to do. But Mr. Wilson says the existing League must stop before his League can begin.

These are some of the considerations, though by no means all, which lead us to believe that the President's dream is but a dream. But there is another and interesting question: What inspired President Wilson, who is learned historian of high ability, to this excursion into the realms of fantasy? The explanation would seem to be that Mr. Wilson is essentially a moralist. Now it is part of the business of the moralist to discover justification for conduct. If President Wilson's speech be studied as a justification, or apology, for the conduct of the United States Government during the war, it immediately becomes intelligible. Mr. Wilson said expressly that he was speaking as "the responsible head of a great Government," and he added that "I feel confident that I have said what the people of the United States would wish me to say." He explained that the whole duty of the United States resided not in relation to any responsibility connected with the present war but in making provision against future wars. For that very reason, in fact, America must hold herself aloof from the present conflict. Here is a great misnomer; it is to establish the comity of nations upon a new basis altogether. That basis, strange as it may seem, is the "domine" of President Monroe, "which we understand to be the only basis which should

H.K.P.R. "BISLEY".

Entries Received to Date.

The following entries have so far been received in connection with the shoot for His Excellency the Governor's Cup at Easter:— Sergeant A. A. Whitelaw, H.K.V.C., Trooper 741 H. Ralph, H.K.P.R., A. G. Pile, H. M. Dockyard, P.C. Alli Cave, H.K.P.R., Q. M. S. Black, R. E. E. Sears, H. M. Dockyard, F. W. Wright, H. M. Dockyard, Assistant Sept. Franks, H. K. P. R., Inspector Lammert, H. K. P. R., Chief Inspector Sirdar Khan, H.K.P.R.

Alteration in Conditions.

Condition 3, relating to eight, is amended, and now permits the use of a "Sliding V" on Service rifles which have been issued without any wind-gauge attachment, provided the pattern of "Sliding V" desired to be used is approved on or before Tuesday, March 20.

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interfere with any other. That ideal is exactly what the Allies are seeking to establish, in their humble way, at this moment. But as President Wilson thinks proper to ignore the fact we will not dwell upon it. We would only ask—since we are interested in the matter—by what means President Wilson proposes to alter the nature of man as to secure the universal acceptance of the Monroe doctrine? For Mr. Wilson is proposing nothing else than a complete transformation of the character of mankind as we know it. And he posits the achievement of that transformation as the sole condition upon which America will in the future take a part in the arrangements, already described, to make the change permanent. A part of the prescription, as we have observed, is that the evil-doer should escape punishment. It was doubtless in accordance with Mr. Wilson's views upon internationality that the violation of the neutrality of Belgium was passed without protest by the Government of the United States. And therein, we conclude, resides the justification for that tacit acquiescence in the breaking of faith.

The Allied nations were so unfortunate as to have perceived their obligations on another plane of vision, in a light which compelled them to embark upon the most tremendous adventure in history. Between the serene vision of President Wilson and the blood-darkened prospect in which the Allies are groping there opens a gulf deep as the sea, as wide as the difference between reality and what the President calls "soft concealments." He affects, and doubtless sincerely, to "uncover realities." These are not our realities, the realities of the Old World. But among Mr. Wilson's aspirations, which we may admire though without conviction, is a definite proposition that intimately concerns this country above all other countries. It is the proposal to establish the "freedom of the seas." The President was careful not to define that expression. But if he means that he desires so to alter the law of nations as to confer upon neutrals and belligerents on the sea privileges which they do not, and cannot, use on land, and at the same time to impose limitations upon naval strength as well as upon its use, we tell President Wilson in plain terms that Great Britain and her Allies will have none of it. This country has earned the right to speak on this matter, for what but the Royal Navy has charted and lighted and kept secure the oceans of the world for generations? The British Empire came by the sea, lives by the sea, and will continue to use the sea, in accordance with the law of the sea, and none other. And now, having listened so long and with so much interest to President Wilson's instructive essay on the art of reconstructing the world, may we respectfully beg leave to go on with the war?

THE LATE MR. HEWITT.

Inquest at the Magistracy This Morning.

Mr. J. R. Wood, sitting as Coroner at the Magistracy this morning, held an enquiry into the circumstances attending the death of the late Mr. A. H. Hewitt, of the Green Island Cement Company, whose tragic death caused such a painful sensation among his wide circle of friends.

The jury was composed of Messrs. J. Goldschmidt (foreman), H. N. Baurepaire, and G. Wilson.

His Worship stated that the deceased was a man who was widely respected in the Colony. He was a British subject, and it seemed desirable to follow the practice in England and hold an enquiry into the circumstances of his death.

Evidence was first given by Dr. Smallley, in charge of the Kowloon Mortuary, who said he knew Mr. Hewitt personally. He had examined the deceased's body, and found that death was due to a fracture of the base of the skull.

Mr. D. G. Nicoll also gave evidence. He said he was an engineer employed by the Cement Company. On February 26, he was the engineer on duty in No. 1 Factory of the works. Just before three o'clock, Mr. Hewitt came in, and witness knew that he was going to see a beam. They both went on to a "ball mill" platform, and the deceased stepped on to a plank, twelve inches wide. There was a hand-rail to the plank. Deceased stooped down to pass along, and he was then apparently seized with dizziness, for he swayed over and fell to the ground. He had just run up the steps, and was moving very slowly. The distance deceased fell was just over nine feet, and he landed on the cement floor. A Chinese foreman was by him first, and witness attended to him immediately. He was then alive, and witness conveyed him on a stretcher to his house. A doctor was summoned, but deceased had passed away before his arrival. On the previous Thursday, deceased had complained of having what he thought was a smoker's heart, and described some of the symptoms. When he came into the works on the day of the accident, he was smoking a cigar, and witness thought that with running up the steps it had affected his heart and produced the dizziness.

His Worship intimated that further evidence was to hand if wanted, but the jury were satisfied, and returned a verdict of accidental death.

POLICE RESERVE ORDERS.

Orders issued to day by Mr. F. C. Jenkin, D.S.P. (Reserve), state:—

Inspectors and Sergeants. Inspectors and Sergeants are informed that the following examinations to be held by Chief Inspector Kerr, are merely by way of keeping them posted in Police Duties. No results will be recorded. They will take place periodically. They will attend in uniform at Police School at 5.30 p.m. as follows:—

Monday, March 12—All Crown Sergeants and Sergeants of Nos. 1 and 2 Companies.

Wednesday, March 14—All Chief Inspectors, Staff Inspectors, Aronelli and Potter, All Inspectors, and Staff Sergeants Fisher and Biles.

Friday, March 16—All Crown Sergeants and Sergeants of Nos. 3 and 4 Companies, Mounted Police, Maxim Gunners, and Ambulance Platoons.

Japan Silk.

In the Yokohama export raw silk market the tone is being strengthened gradually, and on February 19 owing to reduced purchases by the Chinese, Kaihwa, a boom was started. In the morning standards were quoted at £1,240 per bale, which was a rise by close of £10. In the afternoon the boom waned a little, but the volume of business was inflated noticeably. "Johns Harrods" was taken at £1,240.

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Corps Orders issued to day by Lieut.-Colonel A. Chapman, V.D., state:—

Leave.

2nd Lieutenant H. G. Hegarty, is granted leave for the duration of the war from March 5, 1917.

No. 2,047 Pte. W. H. Stapleton is granted leave for the duration of the war from March 7, 1917.

No. 1,297 Pte. H. Green is granted leave for the duration of the war from March 2, 1917.

No. 1,480 Pte. C. Mycock is granted leave for the duration of the war from 3rd March, 1917.

Transferred.

No. 1,689 Gr. A. N. Bootes is transferred from Artillery Battery to Centre Section M. G. Co. from this date.

Struck Off.

The leave granted to No. 994 Sgt. F. D. Haigh having expired, he is struck off the strength of the Corps from 3rd March, 1917.

Parades.

Sunday 11th instant:—8 a.m. Artillery Battery Belchers 6" Section, Left and Right Sections M. G. Co., Civil Service Coy, and Signalling Section on Praya just East of Blaek Pier and proceed by launch to Kowloon City for Field Firing. Dress: Drill order (Helmet) with bayonet, water-bottle (filled), two pouches and 20 rounds ball ammunition.

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A MEETING will be held on MONDAY next, the 12th inst. at 5.15 p.m. in the CITY HALL to consider the best method of celebrating "St. George's Day" with a view to raising further funds for British War Charities. All interested are earnestly invited to attend.

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THE WESTERN FRONT.

British Positions Strengthened.

London, March 5.
Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, in a communiqué, says:—"The enemy's attack to the east of Bapaume was repulsed."

We strengthened our positions east of Gommecourt and carried out raids near Arras. The enemy suffered many casualties and we made prisoner 42.

We entered trenches south-east of Ginchy and took prisoners.

There have been many air fights. Six German aeroplanes were brought down. Eight were driven down damaged. Two of ours were brought down and five are missing.

British Bomb Blast Furnaces.

London, March 6.
The Admiralty announces that naval aeroplanes dropped many heavy bombs on the 4th inst. on blast furnaces at Brestbach.

French Destroy Enemy Works.

London, March 6.
A French communiqué says:—"On the right of the Meuse, a vigorous counter-attack ejected the enemy from a part of the line he occupied yesterday north of Cauvres wood.

An enemy attempt north of Flirey completely failed.

Our fire wrecked works at Beringe wood.

Three enemy aeroplanes were brought down.

THE DOUBLE INCOME TAX.

London, March 6.
In the House of Lords, replying to several members who drew attention to the great injustice done to the Dominions, especially to New Zealand, owing to the Double Income Tax, Lord Hylton admitted the hardship, but said that Parliament would doubtless have to consider the question before long. He contended that the Colonies wanted the best of both worlds, and submitted that the development of the Dominions was secured, in the first instance at least, by British capital. Therefore the Dominions should consider the question of making some reduction or of agreeing to a compromise in the case of persons in Great Britain who invested in Colonial undertakings. He assured the House that the Treasury would consider the question.

LABOUR PARTY AND IRELAND.

London, March 5.
The Labour Party Executive has passed a resolution urging the Government to take the necessary steps to settle the Irish question.

THE DUTCH INDIES.

Restrictions Against Hongkong Rescinded.

The Consul-General for the Netherlands informs us that the Netherlands Indian Government has rescinded the decree by which Hongkong was declared an infected port on account of plague.

No special measures are necessary for ships leaving for the Netherlands Indies until further order, with the exception that the bill of health has to be endorsed by the Consulate-General in Hongkong.

THE LOVERS' QUARREL.

Love, like the ivy doth with magic force
Twine with its tendrils round each lover's heart.
Binding in sweet communion these apart,
Though mayhap one lie in the earth a core.
Naught can disturb its smooth and gentle course,
Though strivings may oft cause a moment's smart
And just one delicate tendril may dispart,
Leaving behind a glow of sad remorse.
That tendril, torn from its embracing grip,
Sends forth afresh new shoots, to join again
More firmly than before the severed ends;
Again begin that loving fellowship.
Which, for the nonce was rudely broke in twain,
With fervent vows that make complete amends.

NEMO.

Hongkong, March 6, 1917.

The New York Food Riots.
New York, February 26.—Crowds of women have mobbed the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, and the St. Regis Hotel here, crying for bread. There have been five food riots in the Bronx district, where the markets have been raided by large crowds.

COMPLIMENTARY CONCERT.

Bandman Company's New Arrangement for Saturday.

The intended performance of "The Bing Boys" by the Bandman Opera Company on Saturday night will not now take place, as the Company has agreed to appear in a complimentary variety concert which is being arranged as a compliment to the men of Hongkong who are shortly leaving for the Front. Further details will be announced later.

This cancelling of an advertised performance will probably cause some little inconvenience among those who have booked seats, but these, we are sure, will appreciate the kindness of the Bandman Company in coming forward in the way they have to give those going to the war a hearty send-off.

RACE PONIES.

This Afternoon's Auction Sale.

The usual sale of ponies which mark the completion on the racing season in Hongkong took place this afternoon at the Fountain, opposite the City Hall, when there were no less than fifty-one ponies offered for sale. Among this number were several well-known winners at the recent Meeting, and, as will be seen below, some good prices were realised. The sale was conducted by Messrs. Hughes and Hough, Mr. Gegg holding the hammer.

The following is the list of ponies and the prices paid:—

Antony.—Boughtin, \$20.
Beattock.—Bought in, \$50.
Moonstone.—Mr. Ngai, \$15.
One grey polo pony.—Bought in, \$15.

Flybright.—Mr. Tom Gunn, \$20.

Ironside.—Mr. De Veen, \$110.

White Bang.—Bought in, \$15.

Hash Hash.—Mr. Moron, \$150.

Chestnut griffin.—Mr. Wu Shiu Kan, \$30.

Grey griffin.—Mr. Blason, \$120.

Bright Pearl.—Mr. Wu Shiu Kan, \$60.

King Jack.—Mr. Ngai, \$15.

Peerless Pearl.—Mr. Wu Shiu Kan, \$135.

Patrolini.—Mr. Agassiz, \$75.

Khakilini.—Mr. David, \$160.

Aerialini.—Mr. Seib, \$120.

Warriorini.—Mr. Congdon, \$280.

Herolini.—Mr. Curreem, \$500.

Sangala.—Capt. Cassel, \$75.

Trojan.—Mr. Voss, \$135.

Sonyobera.—Mr. Moron, \$110.

Formosa.—Capt. Goldney, \$90.

Old King Cole.—Mr. Hough, \$105.

Titlemonse.—Mr. Johnson, \$150.

Dormouse.—Mr. Hough, \$80.

Town Mouse.—Mr. Ross, \$380.

Pack.—Bought in, \$40.

Spalpene.—Capt. Goldney, \$180.

Golliwog.—Mr. Lum, \$160.

White Metal.—Mr. Loong Yat, \$65.

Block Griffin.—Mr. Tom Gunn, \$60.

Onward Dahlia.—Mr. Loong Yat, \$50.

Dale Dahlia.—Mr. Tavares, \$45.

Merry Monarch.—Mr. Blason, \$120.

King Hal.—Mr. Ngai, \$100.

Black Prince.—Mr. Tom Gunn, \$55.

Banjo.—Mr. Wu Shiu Kan, \$45.

Nyanya.—Mr. Li, \$60.

Mo.—Mr. Blank, \$165.

Ike.—Mr. Hee, \$105.

Yid.—Mr. Ross, \$300.

Social Schemer.—Withdrawn.

King Ben.—Mr. Dowbiggin, \$210.

King Dick.—Withdrawn.

Peter Doody.—Mr. Wu Shiu Kan, \$115.

Bridgaorth.—Mr. Barton, \$300.

Brown Bear.—Capt. Cassel, \$100.

Cloudlands.—Mr. Moron, \$210.

Hajji.—Mr. Blank, \$130.

Oak Bay.—Capt. Goldney, \$160.

Amphion.—Ah Hee, \$125.

Black pony.—Mr. Tom Gunn, \$95.

King Charles.—Mr. Lum, \$45.

White pony.—Major De Piro, \$45.

H.E. LUK WING-TING.

Yesterday's Entertainment.

His Excellency the Military Governor of Kwangtung, who arrived yesterday by the gunboat Po Puk, made a formal visit to Government House in order to return the recent call of H.E. Sir Henry May. He and his suite were entertained to tea by the Governor, the other guests present being the Hon. Mr. Wei Yuk, O.M.G., the Hon. Mr. Lau Chau, Mr. Liang Shih-yi and Mr. Chan Shau-shun. Later, the guest of the day made a brief call at the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, and then proceeded to the Chinese Club for tea.

The entertainment here was on a big scale, considerably over a hundred persons being present. The Club is well known for its hospitality, and yesterday's arrangements constituted something like a triumph. Many old hands present spoke of the event as in every respect the institution's biggest success, and very great credit is due to the committee for the smoothness with which the whole function was carried out. The building, both inside and out, was decorated very tastefully with flowers and flags, and an excellent band played at frequent intervals. General Luk was attended by Messrs. Loh Cheng, Wong Kwok-U, Li Te-ye, Tong Pak-shan, Chan Heung-lun, Chau Yau-ka and Siu Ie-ku, and was received at the entry of the Club by Mr. Un Kam-wa (President), Messrs. Wong Kwong-tin and B. Wong Tep (Secretaries), and by the Hon. Mr. Lan Chu-pak. Among those present at the tea were Messrs. Tong Yat-chin, Chan King-wan, T. N. Chau, Ho Fook, Wei Wing-sam, Li Yau-chun, Chan Kan-yue, J. M. Wong, Hing Kee, Chau Chik-yue, H. K. Heng, M. K. Lo, and Mark Pure.

Mr. Un Kam-wa, in proposing the health of the Military Governor, expressed, in an eloquent speech, the satisfaction of the Club and of all present at being able to entertain him. Affairs in Kwangtung Province were, he remarked, very closely interwoven with those of Hongkong, and there was every reason why there should be a perfectly good understanding between this Colony and the people of South China. He had the sympathy of the greater part of the Deputies. Dr. Arraga received 121 votes as against 86 cast for Senator Machado. The Provisional Minister of Foreign Affairs and the nominee of Dr. Costa. When the election was over, Dr. Theophilo Braga handed to his successor the formal resignation of the Provisional Government, and on September 3 the first Constitutional Ministry was formed.

DR. ARRAGA DEAD.

SCHOOLS' FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

Exhibition Match and Presentations To-morrow.

To-morrow, the trophies and medals for the Senior and Junior Schools' Leagues will be distributed to the winners by the Colonial Secretary, the Hon. Cloud Severn, O.M.G.

In each League, St. Joseph's College are the winners, the runners-up in the Senior being St. Stephen's College, and in the Junior Queen's College 2nd eleven.

The distribution will take place at 5.15 p.m. on the Queen's College ground, Causeway Bay, and will be preceded by an exhibition match, St. Joseph's v. the Rest, commencing at 4 p.m. The teams will be as follows:

St. Joseph's:—W. Michael; Chan Fuk Yu, Chan Tung Hoi; Tso Chak Wan, S. A. M. Sepher, Peter Go; Tui Yuk On, J. Silva, R. M. Omar, R. Vabois, F. Lackson. The Rest:—Wong On (Queen's); Kong Shau Yau (Dio); Pui Fun Nam (St. Stephen's); Ko Kin Fan (Queen's); Ng Shu Heung (St. Stephen's); Captain, Ng Hong Tai (St. Paul's); Wong Pok Hing (Queen's); Chiu Kwok Leeng (St. Stephen's); Cecil Chan (Ying Wah); Kor Ba Leuk (Dio); Peter Go; Chan Shiu Pai (Wan Chai); Young Wing Cheung (Yau-tai).

DR. ARRAGA DEAD.

First President of Portugal.

A telegram has been received in Macao reporting the death of Dr. Manoel Arraga, the first elected President of the Republic of Portugal, who died at Lisbon on March 5.

A native of Horta in the Azores, he was 74 years old. He was Doctor of Law of Coimbra University and a brilliant orator and journalist. He was proposed for election as President by a coalition of all the Conservative Republicans, who were opposed by the Radicals, under the leadership of Dr. Afonso Costa, the Provisional Minister of Justice.

The Conservatives had at the last moment substituted Dr. Arraga for their original candidate, Senhor Braamcamp, as the former represented no single group and had the sympathy of the greater part of the Deputies. Dr. Arraga received 121 votes as against 86 cast for Senator Machado. The Provisional Minister of Foreign Affairs and the nominee of Dr. Costa. When the election was over, Dr. Theophilo Braga handed to his successor the formal resignation of the Provisional Government, and on September 3 the first Constitutional Ministry was formed.

DESERTING CONSTABLES.

Two Chinese Policemen Sentenced.

Two Chinese constables were charged before Mr. J. B. Wood, at the Police Court this morning, with desertion from the force.

In the first case Constable 58 was charged with deserting on January 2, 1916. It was stated that the man joined the force in 1910, and, after serving for five years, was sworn on again for a similar period. He deserted and was not seen again until this morning, near the Tai Ping junk. The other man joined the force in 1906, and continued serving until 1915, at which time he was a first class constable. His excuse was that he was sick and could not work, so he left.

Both men were sentenced to three months' hard labour.

VOLUNTEER RESERVE ORDERS.

Order No 14, issued to-day by Major Wakeman, Commanding H.K.V.R., states:—

The parade called for Friday, the 9th instant, on the Cricket Ground is cancelled.

"A" and "B" Cos. will parade on road outside the Law Courts at 5 p.m. on Friday, the 9th instant.

Kowloon Dock and Tai Kok Sections at the Polo Ground at 5.15 p.m. Dress: Drill order.

Returned to the Colony.

Mr. T. K. Daily, headmaster of Queen's College, has returned to the Colony, and has resumed his duties.

COLOURED RACES REPLY TO KAISER.

WHAT IS A NEWSPAPER? A Costly Official Joke.

The authorities—to use a vague but convenient phrase—are wrestling, not for the first time, with the question—"What is a newspaper?"

The question has become important just now because newspapers may be sold later in the day than some other things, and as they thus enjoy exceptional treatment it is necessary to decide what they are.

I notice that the Home Office has announced that the word must not be taken to include "periodicals," but "certainly a newspaper, whether morning, evening or weekly, in a periodical, as one of the meanings of that word is 'a publication which appears at regular intervals.'

The history of journalism there may have been some forlorn paper that appeared once and once only, never reaching number two, and such a newspaper would not be a periodical, but a paper that comes out daily is most undoubtedly a periodical as long as it manages to survive.

Definitions are difficult things, and a trouble-some authority has pointed out that when you try to define a word you do so by giving its meaning in other words, and that there is a possibility of dispute as to the meaning of each of those other words. Having shown the difficulties thus involved the troublesome authority wound up by quoting that overworked tag—"Quis custodiet ipsos custodes?" and who shall determine the meaning of the words which make up the definition?

That is to say he gave it up. But other men have been not quite so poor-spirited as that and have furnished definitions of the word "newspaper." Here is one that has been generally approved—"a sheet containing intelligence, or reports of passing events, issued at short but regular intervals, and either sold or distributed gratis."

Difficulties of Definition.

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COMMERCIAL NEWS.

A Boom in Indigo.
One of the outstanding facts of Indian trade in the period since the war broke out, says the Indian, is the immense recovery which Indian indigo has made. No single industry in India has had such romantic vicissitudes, and we can all remember the regret and sorrow at which the rapid and consistent departure of the glory of Tribhoot—*to mention one important centre*—departed. In the middle '90's something like 1,500,000 acres were under cultivation and the export trade was worth about \$4,000,000. In 1914 the area was approximately 150,000 acres; now, however, that figure has been increased to 626,000 acres, and under the influence of monopoly value in English markets and the greatly increased demand for the natural paste, the trade is booming, and may be regarded as, presently, at any rate, satisfactory.

Japan's Electric Power.
The electric current capable of being generated by hydro-power, according to the investigations of the Department of Communications (Tokyo), is estimated in horse power at 3,100,000. The greater amount of this necessitates an enormous cost of construction and further, being so far distant from consuming points, it can not be taken advantage of so easily. The force in easy access is 2,147,700 horse-power. Besides, at present another 2,339,000 horse-power is supplied by water power, thus making the whole of Japan's capacity something like 5,440,000 horse-power. Supposing that all was utilized the current would reach 2,330,000 kilowatts, estimates the *Japan Times*. Considering the points of distribution of water-power houses, there are 100 on the shores of the Pacific between Ibaraki and Shizuoka Prefectures. The shores of the Japan Sea rank next, followed by Hokkaido at a little less than 200. The rest in the order of districts are around the Bay of Ise, and comprise Kyoto, O-aka and Kishu, Shikoku, Sano, Hokuoku and Sanin, all numbering less than 100.

Japan-China Trade.
During the last 10 days of January an extraordinary turn ruled in the Japan-Chinese trade; exports from Japan increased quite briskly while imports from China dwindled abnormally. In some degree it may be accounted for by the fact that the general tendency in the bar silver market was favourable to China, and the difficulty felt by the Yangtze steamers in reaching Hankow also may be taken as responsible. According to official Japanese returns published by the Tokyo Finance Department on January 5, exports from Japan during the period were valued at Y. 6,628,080 against Y. 3,406,212 of the corresponding period of last year, thus there was an increase by Y. 3,219,868. Again, in comparison with the preceding 10 days there is a large increase of Y. 1,487,794. North China and the Yangtze provinces are principally responsible for this large increase in exports for they bought more Japanese goods during the period. The following is the summary of the export trade for the 10 days period as published by the *Japan Times*:

Figures for Figures for 1917. 1916.
Manchuria 889,001 343,700
North Man- churia 1,885,736 970,147
C. China 3,839,132 2,085,811
South China 21,211 6,554

Total Yen. 6,628,080 3,406,212

The total value of imports for the same period is Y. 12,500,642 against Y. 2,338,842 at the same time last year, accordingly there is a slight gain of Y. 161,800. In comparison with the preceding period, when there was a somewhat encouraging boom in the department of trade, however, there is a decline by Y. 962,538. This is principally due to the less active trade done by Central and Northern China, as seen from the following summary of the import trade:

Figures for Figures for 1917. 1916.

Manchuria 325,802 141,627
North China 554,251 691,699
Central China 505,217 1,377,670
South China 116,772 127,046

Total Yen. 2,500,642 2,338,842

American Cotton.
Renter's Liverpool cotton market quotation for February 19 is as follows for middling American cotton: Spot 10.90d. March-April 10.43d. October-November 9.84d. The market has remained fairly steady during the week, the corresponding quotations on February 12 having been 10.75d., 10.28d., and 9.59d. A cotton report issued by the Federal Bureau of the Census (Washington) early last month shows that there were consumed in December, exclusive of linters, 536,687 running bales compared with 555,005 in December, 1915. Exports of cotton in December, including linters, were 737,562 running bales, compared with 538,278 in December, 1915. Imports of cotton in December were 34,890, equivalent to 500-pound bales, compared with 43,724 in December, 1915. Number of cotton spindles active in the United States in December was 32,854, 474, compared with 31,745,722 in December, 1915.

United States Steel Boom.
The United States Steel Corporation had unfilled orders booked at the end of November amounting to 11,058,542 tons, the largest total of forward business ever reported. The gain during the month was 1,042,282 tons, also a new high record for expansion in a single month. A year ago the books showed no more than 7,189,482 tons, but at the time that total was considered excellent as a forecast of future business. The corporation's orders on Nov. 1 amounted to practically a full year's business based on operations in 1915. Last year the rolled and finished material turned out for sale in the open market amounted to 11,762,639 tons. It was learned in steel producing quarters after the monthly statement was issued that the various plants were turning out ingots at the annual rate of 20,000,000 tons. Last year the complete output of ingots was 16,376,492 tons. Two years ago the finished steel produced aggregated 9,014,512 tons and ingots were made to a total of 11,826,476 tons. 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